

# Ten Torrance-Lomita Men Get Maritime Service Commissions

Ten Merchant Marine officers residing in Torrance, Lomita and vicinity have joined the U.S. Maritime Service, three of whom have thus far been awarded commissions, according to the Los Angeles Harbor Branch Enrolling U.S.M.S. office, 328 North Avalon, Wilmington.

Commissioned are: Charles E. Markey, 21810 Grace ave., Key-stone, who is a chief engineer; commissioned a commander; Chief Steward Johannes M. Wil-donah, 1636 253rd st., Harbor City, commissioned a lieutenant (j.g.) and Freddie Lee Ott, first assistant engineer, 1211 251st st., Harbor City, lieutenant commander.

Applications of the other seven men are being checked, and if found to have sufficient sea time as officers, commissions will be forthcoming soon from Washington, D.C., through the Wilmington office or other port from which the men may be shipping from.

These officers are: Third Assistant Engineer David C. McClelland, 6813 1/2 Alta Loma, Torrance; First Assistant Engineer Frederick A. Nevins, 1541 West 21st st., Torrance; Chief Ste-ward Gordon L. Groves, Lomita; Chief Mate Edward Crabtree, 2460 Chapman, Lomita; Kenneth D. Blue, radio operator, 25425 Frampton ave., Harbor City and Joseph L. Welzel, first assistant

engineer, 14945 Denker ave., Gardena.

All licensed and staff Merchant Marine officers who have served the past six months on their license at sea on vessels of over 1000 gross tons are eligible to apply for a commission and enrollment in the U.S. Maritime Service.

Joining the organization, a branch of the War Shipping Administration, entitles these seafaring men to: commissions ranging from ensign to captain; uniforms to indicate their commissions and ranks aboard ship; correspondence courses, and in peace-time, retainer pay.

"The training organization of the War Shipping Administration, as the Maritime Service is known, is working with the Maritime Commission toward building a strong U.S. merchant marine during the war, and is endeavoring to preserve an active import and export trade in American bottoms after the peace is won," according to Chief George A. Coverdale, in charge of handling the licensed officer program for the 12th U.S.M.S. regional office.

**ATTEND GOLDEN WEDDING**  
Mrs. E. A. Miles and her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford, Mrs. Della Moon, Miss Pat Whitney, and Joe Miles attended a reception Monday evening at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Howard S. Brode at Santa Monica. The occasion marked the Brodes' golden wedding anniversary and their first family reunion in 21 years.

**HAVE HOUSEGUEST**  
Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Cucci are entertaining as their houseguest Miss Sue Stephenson who arrived from Pueblo, Colo., to teach at Fullerton junior high school.

**THEATER PARTY**  
Mrs. Olea Davis, accompanied by Mrs. Dola Acord and Mary Lou attended the Orpheum the ater circus Monday and later enjoyed a dinner party at a Los Angeles cafe.

**AT NATIONAL SUPPLY**  
Mrs. Rhea Johnson, the former Jean Van Kralingen, is now employed at National Supply Co., where she is a clerk in the receiving department.

**ON VACATION**  
Rev. and Mrs. Ben D. Griffith are spending 10-days vacation at Big Bear.

**AT LAGUNA BEACH**  
Mrs. M. N. Felker and daughter, Sharon, are enjoying a three-weeks vacation at Laguna Beach.



**RETURNS TO HOME FRONT**—After a year and a half of active service as a lieutenant in the U. S. Navy, Leonard K. Firestone has been placed on inactive duty to enable him to return to war production work as head of the L. A. plant of Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. He succeeds R. J. Cope, who has retired on account of ill health.

## 'Close to Home' Prospects Good For Dove Hunting

The curtain goes up Sept. 1 on the 1943 California dove season—in all counties except Imperial, which opens two weeks later—with birds reported plentiful in several locations.

Excellent early season hunting has been forecast in pre-opening reports forwarded to the outing bureau of the Automobile Club of Southern California.

Despite gasoline rationing restrictions, nimrods are cheered with news that discloses "close to home" hunting is expected to be the best in several years.

Shooting hours have been announced as lasting from half-hour before sunrise to sunset, with regulations setting limits at 10 per day or in possession, or 30 per week per hunter. Automatic and pump guns are limited to three-shell capacity.

Good opening day hunting is predicted for the area about Bakersfield, Arvin and Weed-patch, with Tipton, Tulare and environs also tabbed as promising. Birds are reported numerous about Lancaster and Palmdale, but leave this sector early in the season. A few birds have been spotted between Corona and Elsinore, as well as Hemet, Perris and Sage. Areas in the Fullerton-Anaheim territory are well posted and hunters are warned not to shoot without permission there. Birds are plentiful also around Banning and east to Indio.

The dove season in all counties closes Oct. 12.

## Winter's Coming! Get Your Furnace In Shape Now

Have your furnace checked over now by your regular service agency before the cold weather comes.

This is the advice being given homeowners by the Institute of Gas Heating Industries in a move to forestall a "log-jam" of service calls which may result if anyone waits until the first cold snap occurs. According to A. Martinson, president of the institute, a recent survey indicates that a serious shortage of heating service men and furnace repair parts, brought about by the heavy war-time drain on manpower and material, exists in this area.

"This condition makes it highly advisable that householders have their regular annual furnace check made now by their service agency while we still have two or three months of warm weather," Martinson declares. "Even your regular service may not be available immediately, but we are confident that, between licensed plumbers and authorized heating service men still available, the annual job can be done provided sufficient notice is given ahead of time."

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## Sportsmen May Obtain Booklet On New Game Laws

A summary of 1943 changes in the fish and game laws affecting the man affixing an asterisk has been compiled by Robert W. Kenny, attorney general of California, and is ready for free distribution to California sportsmen, according to advices received today from the attorney general's office.

The summary is in layman's language and lists the species or items alphabetically so that if you want to know what was done at the last session of the legislature about bear, deer, ducks, salmon, etc., you turn to the particular item.

All sportsmen who desire a copy of the summary may obtain one without charge upon request at his office in the State bldg., Los Angeles, Kenny said. The telephone is Madison 1271.

**REPORTED IMPROVING**  
Mrs. E. G. Rowell of 1348 West Carson st., is convalescing from a major operation which she underwent Sunday at Magnolia hospital at Long Beach.

**RETURN FROM TRIP**  
Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Barkdull and Mr. and Mrs. Dean L. Sears were weekend guests of Mrs. Bessie Myers at her Crestline cabin.

**SEE BASEBALL GAME**  
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zuyver and children, Nancy and Lee, attended the Angels vs. Stars baseball game at Gilmore stadium Sunday afternoon.

**FROM CAMPING TRIP**  
Jimmy Burchett, Billy Carstens and Jerry McIlvaine have returned from a week's camping trip at Y.M.C.A. camp at Round Meadow near Big Bear.

**VISIT PARENTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon J. Edwards of Santa Maria were weekend visitors at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith, 1407 Cota ave.

**BACK FROM UTAH**  
Mrs. O. A. Kresse and Miss Jean Kresse have returned from a week's visit with friends and relatives in San Francisco and Pittsburg.

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## Southern Pacific Train Change Noted

Changes in schedules, effective Sept. 12 of Southern Pacific's Golden State Route and Sunset Route trains to help smooth the heavy wartime traffic flow have been announced by George B. Hanson, general passenger agent at Los Angeles.

Under the new schedule, the westbound Golden State Limited from Chicago will provide morning instead of evening arrival at Los Angeles. Leaving Chicago at 8:30 p.m., it will arrive Los Angeles at 9:25 a.m. of the third morning. The eastbound train will leave Los Angeles at 6:30 p.m. instead of 8:30 p.m., arriving Chicago 11:30 a.m.

The earliest known bird had a row of teeth set in its jaw.

## Flight Target Gets Caught In Wires, Ties up Traffic

A freak accident, when a target being towed by an Army airplane, swung into a power line carrying 16,000 volts, sent the live wire sputtering and crackling down the street on Pennsylvania ave., between 253rd and 254th st., shortly after 10 o'clock Tuesday morning, brought the Lomita fire department on the "double."

The live wire started a grass fire and that was quickly extinguished and emergency crews from the Southern California Edison Co. repaired the damage. Several passing motorists and pedestrians had to be restrained from crossing the street until repairs were completed.

Prompt action of the fire department stopped the blaze, and the firemen helped in keeping the area clear until the electric current was turned off.

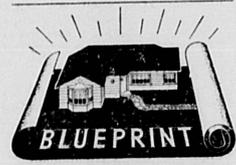
The ship, apparently flying out of the Lomita Flight Strip was not damaged, according to a report by Frank Leski, captain in charge of the Lomita fire station.

## Marvin Turner In Merchant Marine

Another local boy, Marvin Turner, whose home is in Torrance at 1860 Plaza del Amo, but whose mother, Mrs. Dorothy Turner is an employee of the Lomita office of the telephone company, has joined the Merchant Marine and is now training at Catalina.

He was employed at a machine shop before signing up for sea service.

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**MISS M. WADDELL Will Preside In Two Local Schools**  
One principal will serve two elementary schools when the boys and girls resume their studies on Sept. 13. It was announced this week by Mrs. Jack Long, president of Fern Avenue P.T.A. that Miss Mary Charlotte Waddell, principal at Fern Avenue, Torrance, would also serve in the same capacity at Walteria, where Mrs. Helen Zillgitt taught last year. Mrs. Zillgitt will take over the job as principal at the Gulf Avenue school in Wilmington. Miss Waddell has been principal at Fern Avenue for the past two years.

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